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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SORAOKA et al

Serial No.: 10/689,035

Filed: October 21, 2003

For: Vacuum Processing Apparatus And Semiconductor
Manufacturing Line Using Same

Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: K. O Malley

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed May 4, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.34692V16).

Respectfully submitted,

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